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IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 3:16-md-2738 (MAS)/(RLS)

MLD Case No. 2738

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Return Date: January 2, 2024

DECLARATION OF JAMES F. CONLAN

I, JAMES F. CONLAN, declare:

Personal Qualifications and Basis of Knowledge

Defendants Johnson & Johnson and LTL Management, LLC (collectively, J&J's) Order to Show Cause Seeking to Disqualify Andy D. Birchfield, Esq. and Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis &

I make this declaration based on personal knowledge and in opposition to

Miles, P.C. (Beasley Allen) from this litigation and remove Beasley Allen from the Plaintiffs'

Steering Committee.

1.

- I received my juris doctor in 1988 from the University of Iowa College of Law. 2.
- 3. Since my graduation from law school in 1988, I have had several law firm jobs. I

served as Global Practice Leader of Sidley Austin's world-wide Restructuring Practice where I practiced for 32 years. Most recently I served as a Partner and Global Co-Head of Restructuring at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP until 2022.

- 4. During my tenure as Partner and Global Co-Head of Restructuring at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, I represented J&J.
- 5. In March of 2022, I co-founded Legacy Liability Solutions LLC (Legacy). I currently serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Legacy.
- 6. In March of 2022, I became a non-practicing lawyer. I am active and authorized to practice law, but I do not practice law and have no clients.
- 7. At no point in time have I ever been a member, partner, employee or counsel at Beasley Allen, Mr. Birchfield's law firm.

J&J's Baseless Allegations and My Thirty-Five (35) Years of Ethical Conduct and Compliance with the Attorney Rules of Professional Conduct

- 8. I am well aware of the Rules of Professional Conduct, including RPC 1.6 Confidentiality of Information. This Rule states from the outset: "A lawyer shall not reveal information relating to representation of a client" The attorney-client privilege is the bedrock of client communications and I have understood this—and acted accordingly—since I took and passed the bar exam. Similarly, I have at all relevant times been aware of and complied with RPC 1.9(a) and 1.9(c), which govern an attorney's professional and ethical obligations to former clients.
- 9. Consistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct, I have never disclosed to Mr. Birchfield or any member of his firm, Beasley Allen, any confidential information belonging to J&J—nor that of any other client from my previous years of practice.
- 10. Moreover, neither Legacy nor I have any J&J privileged or confidential information that is required for Legacy to consensually transact with J&J to solve J&J's current and future talc

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liability (with finality); the Legacy model applies similarly to all solvent mass tort defendants.

Under 28 U.S.C. 1746, I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 17, 2023

JAMES F. CONLAN

Chief Executive Officer

Legacy Liability Solutions LLC